



Notes of the General Members Meeting held on the 2nd October 2018 in the Spa Suite, Romney Snug Bar, Burnside Hotel, Kendal Road, Bowness on Windermere commencing at 6pm.

Present:

A number of members together with Cllr. Magda Khan (Windermere Town Council) were present.

Apologies:

All Season Guest House	Lisa Holden (Hapimag)
Eve Blatchley (Hon Member)	Caroline & Jonathon Kaye (Cedar Manor)
Stephen Broughton (Mountain Goat)	Alex Kirby (Oakhill Veterinary Group)
Stuart Bailey (Hon Solicitor)	Paul Liddell (Lakelovers)
David Carter (David Carter Chemists)	Jonty Mayo (Musgraves)
Clayton Butchers	Adrian North (Edge of the World)
Simon Everett (Past Chair)	John Reynolds (Booths Supermarket)
Tim Farron (MP)	Paula & Graham Smith (Lingmoor Guesthouse)
David Ferguson (Old Pump House)	Tim Swaine (NatWest Bank)
Enid Goldthorpe (Welcome Guide)	Nigel Wilkinson (Windermere Lake Cruises)
Michael Holden (Michael Holden Chartered Surveyors)	World of Beatrix Potter Attraction, The
Scott Keenan (Keenanable)	Tony & Liz Blaney (Fairfield Guest House)

Barry Butler took the chair and welcomed the assembled members and guests.

Police

None attendance. The Secretary informed the meeting that a new PCSO was in place for the area. The meeting **AGREED** that an invite to the November meeting should be extended to him.

Minutes

The minutes of the meeting held on the 4th September 2018 were accepted as being correct.

Matters Arising

The Secretary reported that:

- He and 2 other “presenters” had attended the Windermere in Bloom Award Ceremony. The winner of the Chamber of Trade’s Claret Jug was The Lamplighter.
- Nobody had been able to make themselves available to attend the Cumbria Fells & Dales Leader Programme AGM. He had been in touch with them and was assured that any funding application would be treated the same as any other.

Correspondence

The Secretary read out the following emails he had received:

- That he had received an email from Sgt David Grant of the British Transport Police (BTP) giving contact details of the BTP Crime Reduction Officer – Gillian McKinnon, Gillian.mckinnon@btp.pnn.police.uk

Report from the Windermere Town Council Representative.

- Cllr. Magda Khan updated the meeting on general matters of interest as discussed by the council.

Report on the Sculpture Trail.

Nothing to report.



Report from Chamber Representatives

- **Membership** – Nothing to report.
- **Windermere & Bowness Winter Lights Group** – A request for funding had been received. The meeting **AGREED** that the Chamber of Trade should make a contribution and invite the treasurer of the Lights Group to attend the November meeting to be formally presented with the cheque.
- **Windermere – Diessen Town Twinning Association** – nothing to report.
- **Windermere in Bloom / Cumbria in Bloom** – see matters arising.
- **Lakes Line Community Rail Partnership** – nothing to report.
- **Business Task Force** – Nothing to report

Bowness & Windermere Forward

As the Secretary was away for the meeting of the Project Management Group on the 16th October (2pm), Barry Butler said he would try and attend on the Chamber's behalf.

AOB

- The Secretary brought up the matter of low attendances at the monthly meetings and raised the question of whether these meetings should continue after this season. The meeting discussed this matter and suggestions were made that perhaps there should be a meeting centred around a meal at one of the local restaurants. The Secretary was asked to look into this possibility.
- The question of membership was raised and it was suggested that the December meeting should be thrown open to all business in the area. Also a letter to be drawn up outlining the role the Chamber plays within the business community and the community at large and inviting businesses to apply for membership.

There being no further business the meeting was closed at 8:38pm. There then followed an informal networking session.

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